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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted and referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:

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- A. Wood and cement jetty
B. Pilot aboard
C. First berth
D. Second berth
E. Third berth

- F. Small patrol craft
G. Small patrol craft
H. Soviet merchant ships
I. Soviet tug
J. Previously reported grain elevator

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4. Pilot Data, and Weather

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a.

there is a new channel marked by three buoys which provides a direct route from Hel lighthouse to Gdansk. the Gulf of Danzig was still mined and only the channels were safe. These channels will be used until approximately 1965 at which time the mines should be harmless. The approach to the mouth of the harbor is as marked on HO Chart No 4928, and all the buoys are in place. Designator A is a jetty constructed of wood and cement. the jetty is in the middle of the channel and is a hindrance to navigation. On entering, large ships must navigate to the left side of the jetty.

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warmer weather melted the ice.

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inclement weather conditions in the Baltic Sea and Gdansk harbor. There was considerable snow and high winds. weather became so harsh in the Baltic that it was necessary to return to the "D" buoy outside Gdynia to await better weather. Wind force varied between 45-60 mph. Visibility varied with the amount of snow falling. the depth of water at the buoy to be 41 feet.

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5. Controls

a. Boarding party consisted of three customs officials wearing green uniforms, two immigration officials dressed in khaki uniforms, a doctor, and the agent. Both customs and immigration officials carried sidearms. nearly all members of the boarding party spoke English. Officials sealed guns, ammunition, cigarettes, and the "alop chest."

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b. One soldier was stationed on the pier at the foot of the gangway. He wore a long khaki overcoat, quilted on the inside, and a fur cap. Surveillance guard carried a revolver.

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guard attended to his business but would accept cigarettes and coffee on the sly.

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At the gate of each dock was a guard and customs official. These guards were naval personnel dressed in old, worn clothes. Guards wore long, blue overcoats and fur caps. Searches were conducted at these gates. These guards confiscated US money that was found

6. Harbor Craft

the tugs ZEM and MIROSLAV were used. described as "ordinary tugs," which were painted black and burned coal. excessive amount of black smoke.

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7. Berth

five electric, five-ton, portal cranes which used the grab method. All operators were male. Soybeans were discharged into railroad cars and three lighters. there were all types of railroad cars: new, old, well painted, badly painted, etc. Several times it was necessary to suspend operations to await more railroad cars. Cranes were unable to lift the soybeans from the depths of the deepest holds, hence third designator E, the grain elevator. There the deepest holds were unloaded

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via sucker tubes directly into the elevator. Berthing area is diagrammed overlea. [redacted] the berths were in an industrial area. The Polish government issued no discharging documents and refused to give any official figures telling how much cargo was unloaded. [redacted]

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8. Naval Vessels [redacted] one small patrol craft moored at designator F and another at designator G. Patrol craft were painted grey, looked clean, and were apparently in good condition. [redacted] no activity on board. One patrol craft was sighted in the river. No naval vessels were seen in the Gulf of Danzig.

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9. Merchant Vessels [redacted] Soviet merchant ships of approximately 6-7 thousand tons being worked at designator H. A large Soviet tug was anchored at designator I. The tug was painted black, flew the Soviet ensign, and had radar mounted above the bridge. [redacted]

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